

Community News

Otorohanga District Library School Holiday Activity Pop-up Books!

Visiting librarian Kathryn Parsons will demonstrate her wonderful collection of pop-up books and will show us the steps to create a pop-up book of our own. Otorohanga Lyceum Clubrooms, Tuesday 19 July at 10.30am to 12 noon, (meet at the Library at 10.15am). Ages: 8 years and upwards. Numbers are limited so registrations are essential. Phone the Library on: 873 7175 to register a place.

Otorohanga District Library Children aged 9-12 years are invited to take part in our Winter Warmers reading programme. This programme runs from 4 July to 12 August. Children read library books of their choice and write reviews in their Winter Warmers booklet. This is a fun way to join with others in enjoying reading over the winter months. Numbers are limited so registrations are essential. Phone the Library 07 873 7175.

Soups & Stews on a Budget Course held Wednesday 6 July, 10am-1pm, at St David's Church, Ranfurly St, Otorohanga. **NO CHARGE—CHILDREN ARE WELCOME** Contact Aileen, Foodbank Co-ordinator 07 873 7721 or Deborah, Otorohanga Support House 07 873 8156. For anyone wishing to learn the secret to soups and stews on a budget.

Children's Work

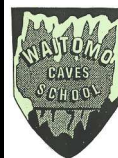
The seniors have been learning to make several varieties of bread. YUM!



What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

5-8 July	Senior Snow Camp
7-8 July	Junior Snow Camp
8 July	Reports go home
12 July	Report evening
14 July	Seniors First Aid Training
15 July	Community Assembly & End of Term 2
1 August	Term 3 begins
8 August	Kick-Start Classes resume
17 August	Small Schools Cross Country
24 August	COP's Cross Country

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Whaia te ara totika – Make the Right Choice

Term Two 2011

Week Nine – 1 July

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

With camp nearing rapidly there's lots of excitement at school amongst the children and staff. There have been regular updates going home regarding camp plans and procedures so we're on track. The Whakapapa Ski Field will open tomorrow with new snow. The senior class leave midmorning on Tuesday for three nights and the juniors arrive on Thursday for one night. We are staying at the Waitomo Ski Lodge and Ruapehu Scout Lodge. We all come home together on Friday.

SPCA 'One of the Family'

Norm Hewitt presented a very informative session with our Year 7 & 8 students at Otorohanga South School recently. He told them that New Zealand has an unacceptable rate of family violence, and by teaching children to care for and to respect animals, promotes the life skills of caring, nurturing, communication, respect and the ability to empathise with each other. Mr Hewitt said that animals should be treated like one of the family. It has been proven that teaching children kindness and empathy towards animals shows them how to treat each other the same way. Animals need 5 essential elements to live: food & water, shelter, love exercise and regular visits to the vet.



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Proudly Supporting Waitomo Caves School

Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following recipients of our raffle prizes. Thank you for supporting our school. Zane Burdett - 1st Huhu 3 Course Dinner for 2, Waitomo Adventures Haggas Honking Holes Cave Trip, Fun with Flax (Book). Helen Hansen - 2nd Kiwipaka Waitomo Pizzeria \$50 voucher, Spellbound Cave Trip Family Pass, A Pukeko in a Ponga Tree (Book). Rebecca Gibson - 3rd Abseil Inn T-Shirt, Altura Park Family Pass, Creations Café \$20 voucher. Daniel Roberts - 4th Creations Café \$20 voucher, Mobil Te Kuiti \$20 MTA voucher. Bruce Toebeck - 5th Creations Café \$20 voucher, Mobil Te Kuiti \$20 MTA voucher.

Batons Up

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Batons Up fundraiser. A total of \$2,305 was raised through ticket sales, the bar and wheel. Thank you for the donation of prizes, lovely kai and ticket purchases. The money raised for this event is going towards subsidising camp costs.

Congratulations to all the winners on the night and our Batons Up prize winners – Noddy, Angel Taane-Edwards, Nana Joan, Nana Sue, Aroha Carnachan, Barry Townsend, Grace Winikerei, Linda Campbell, Craig Pickens, PJET Syndicate (Esme), J&K Batger, Arleyah Henry, Waitomo Caves School, Anne Davis, Carol Fleming, Larissa Dunn, Gargs, Poto & Sis, Jenny Crown, Wendy Verry, Stella Koreheke and Meedz.

Thank you, Kia Ora, Xie Xie, Merci, Muchas Gracias, Talofa, Vinaka

Thank you to Jock, Tim and members of the Waitomo Community Ski Group who so generously contributed to the costs of our ski camp this year. We truly appreciate your kindness.

Thank you to Maree for bringing regular supplies of delicious mandarins to school for the children. They have come in handy during Saturday sports at the soccer fields.

Colgate Cartons

Thank you to so many people who have given us their Colgate Toothpaste Cartons. We received cartons from Te Kuiti, Piopio, Invercargill, Tahaaroa, Oparure, Otorohanga and many more places. Some even turned up mysteriously in the post from ex-pupils. The competition closed last night and we came in at 13th place which is really good for nationwide. We thought we'd continue to collect the cartons so we have a head start next time the competition starts up again.

Rugby Club Dinners

Thanks must go to everyone when it comes to the Rugby Club dinners for one reason or another. Families helped by donating meat and vegetables and many helped by serving, cleaning dishes and preparing food. Special thanks must go to the regular crew who offered their time and support relentlessly. Dawn, Rarangi, Miria, Tai, Myke, Angel, Portia and Lana. Thanks also to Gaye, Linda, Leah, Geoff, Alex, Pania, Richard, Alannah, and Batch.

A total of \$2520 has been raised from these dinners. There are no more home games and we wish the Waitomo Rugby team well in their final games of the season. Thank you to the WRSRC for the opportunity to raise money for the school.

Reports

Reports will be distributed on Friday 8 July following camp. When parents collect their children, reports will be given out. Please note that there is a parent meeting planned for Tuesday 12 July regarding reports. Staff will be available on this evening in Kauri class from 6.00pm to have a follow up session with parents regarding reports. Discussing reports is useful when looking at your child's progress and achievement. Please indicate on the return slip in your child's report pack if you are available to meet on Tuesday 12 July.

Cross Country Races

Plans for the Small Schools and COP's Cross Country races will be underway early Term 3 with Waitomo hosting these two events again this year. The whole school will be involved in the Small Schools race on Wednesday 17 August then champion runners will compete in the COP's race the following week, Wednesday 24 August. We will require parents to help transport children to the HTG Hut on the day of these races. Also we need parental support with the organisation and running of the food stall for both of these days. This will be two great opportunities to help fundraising for school projects.

Children will need to be prepared for cross country training from day one of Term 3. It is advisable that children bring a spare set of clothing and footwear in case they need to change clothes if they get wet or dirty.

Community Assembly

Our next community assembly will be held on the last day of term. This is **Friday 15 July at 1.40pm**. Please remember we have our last assembly for the term earlier than usual. Children will be dismissed to go home after assembly around 2.20pm.